Remarks

Claims 37-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 24-44 are subject to a restriction requirement. Of these claims, claims 37-44 have been elected for further prosecution and claims 24-36 have been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Restriction Requirement:

In regard to this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects claims 37-44 for prosecution. Claims 24-36 have been cancelled. In regard to election of species under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elects the species related to FIG. 3. Claims 37-44 read on this species and are hereby elected for prosecution.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above Amendments and Remarks, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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